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Q.1 If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself.
यदि आप किसी के चेहरे को काफी देर तक देखते हैं, तो अंततः आपको महसूस होता है कि आप अपने भीतर ही देख रहे हैं।

Q.2 We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
हम उस बच्चे को आसानी से क्षमा कर सकते हैं जो अंधेरे से डरता है; जीवन की वास्तविक त्रासदी तब होती है जब लोग रोशनी से डरते हैं।

Q.3 It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.
बोलना ज्ञान का क्षेत्र है और श्रवण करना बुद्धि का विशेषाधिकार है।

Q.4 Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.
यह प्रश्न छोड़ दें कि कल क्या हो सकता है, और हर उस दिन को लाभ के रूप में गिनें जो भाग्य आपको अनुमति देता है।

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

The day was progressing as usual in the busy city of Hiroshima, Japan on 6th of August, 1945. Children were playing on the streets and elder men

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and women busy with their daily chores. Suddenly sirens signalling air raid started ringing and within seconds, the airforce of united states dropped deadly nuclear weapons on the city. The result - Around 2 lakh people, innocent and full of hope & life, were wiped out and the tremors of which are still being felt in the form of Nuclear radiation in Japan and Nuclear threat around the world.

But the cause has been the fear of world community - leaders & citizens, to question and or were afraid to put accountability on the

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then super power - united states of America, a tragedy indeed.

In this essay, I will try to dwelve into why forgive children who are afraid of dark, what happens when men are afraid of light, why men are afraid of light, what is the result when men come out of their fear and the measures needed to make men come out of fear of light.

Human Mind - A Tabula Rasa

When a child is born, he would not have any idea about what is Right, what is wrong and how to live his life as his mind is a tabula Rasa, a clean slate. So it is Natural on part of child to be afraid of the dark, to be afraid of taking

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action. or to make mistakes.

Child takes his own time to socialize with his surroundings, to develop his mind inorder to act in a human way. Hence it is on part of Adults to forgive his mistakes and Course Correct their actions. But what if the Adults are themselves afraid?

The results can be spine chilling. When men are afraid of taking actions, afraid of facing realties of life, it will lead to Individual deterioration. They live the life below the worth of human life and face crisis of Conscience leading to self suffering. for instance, Drithrastra in Mahabha-

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rata was blindfolded in his love towards his sons (Kauravas) which ultimately led to destruction of his family.

Secondly, the fear of light leads to perpetuation of oppression, violence in the society. This can be seen in recent 'Shahbad dairy' murder in New Delhi where bypassers failed to stop the crime against innocent girl in broad public.

Thirdly, when men are afraid to venture into new frontiers, there will be no innovations as every success is a result of a first step with Courage towards the ray of light. for instance, people in medieval century

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were comfortable in blind following of religion and were not bothered to use their reason for solving their real life problems.

finally, The silence of citizens and their fear to question the Authority will lead to tyranny and Autocratic regimes as can be seen in the coup in Myanmar where military suppressed basic human rights. But why do men feel afraid of light?

As man is a social animal, the basic instinct of his is to safeguard himself and his family from any threats. Hence his fear

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for life stops him to question the powerful or to risk his life in fulfilling fundamental duties towards the society.

Moreover, many people gets used to their monotonous lives and lack any will to venture into light of experiments & innovations. for instance, the 'chalta hai' attitude of Indian bureaucracy since many decades has been blamed for undergrowth of a nation like India with huge potential.

furthermore, procrastination to delay the tasks at hand also results in fear of light. This delays the dawn in their lives. What will be the scenario when men are not afraid

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of light?

As said by plato in his 'allegory of Caves', with the dawn of light on ignorant men, they thrive in various spheres of human life just as a tree thrives in sunlight.

firstly, It will lead to opening of new opportunities and the zeal to do something great in one's life. for example, Thomas Alva edison was fed up with darkness. His continuous pursuit of inventing an electric bulb has brought light to the world.

secondly, it will lead to recognition of present situations and the strive

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for solving problems in the society. for Instance, Shanta Sheela Nair, IAS has saved the Chennai city from water crisis with her idea of Rain water Conservation.

Thirdly, the courage to face light also helps us bring light in the lives of other fellow human beings. It helps us relieve someone's pain through acts of compassion. We can take inspiration from Divya Devarajan, an IAS officer in Adilabad district of Telangana. She learnt Gondi language in just 3 months in order better understand problems of Gond tribe, A particularly vulnerable Tribal Group in India.

Then what to do to make men come out of fear of light?

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The answer lies in reforming our education system. There is a need for promoting critical Thinking and the ability to apply reason in analysing situations from the early childhood. This makes the child a better citizen in future who has concern for fulfilling his fundamental duties.

Also, there is a need to propogate values of fortitude, courage and brotherhood attitude in the society. This makes men to treat the fellow citizen with equal care as his family.

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Lastly, we need to highlight the life lessons of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson mandela who rose their voice against the wrongs and stood out as torchbearers of light. They act as rolemodels for younger generations.

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Hence, In order to avoid the tragedies of life in the form of caste, class based discriminations; rising inequalities across the societies; and growing threat of climate change; More and more men need to come out of darkness of ignorance, darkness of inaction, darkness of procrastination. They need to come into

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light of reality, light of striving for a better world, light of questioning wrongful acts, light of making a change as said by Edmund Burke -

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing".

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Q.5 Truth, like a torch, the more it is shook, it shines.
सत्य, मशाल की तरह है, इसे जितना अधिक हिलाया जाता है, यह उतना ही चमकता है।

Q.6 Art is I; science is We.
कला मैं है; विज्ञान हम है।

Q.7 Only the dead have seen the end of the war.
केवल मृतकों ने ही युद्ध का अंत देखा है।

Q.8 Act as if it were impossible to fail.
कार्य ऐसे करें जैसे कि विफल होना असंभव ही था।

Act as if it were impossible to fail.

The region was Gehlour, Bihar. In the scroching summer of 1959, young Dasrath Manjhi, an Agricultural labourer lost his beloved wife due to lack of transport facility connecting his village to nearby town.

His world crumbled suddenly. However

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he took a vow of digging across the mountains inorder to open up his village for basic services. With chisel & Hammer in hand, He worked on for 22 years continuously, everyday, every season to break the mighty mountain.

Many laughed initially at his seemingly impossible Idea. But his mindset to Act as if it were impossible to fail made the impossible a reality.

This one incident highlights how our Mental mindset in looking

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At things, looking for solutions to problems plays a major role. and also help us reach of our goals in our lives.

So, In this essay, I would try to highlight why it is important to Act as if it were impossible to fail, will it really guarantee success?, what should one do if he encounters failures and the relevance of the quote in present world scenario.

what does acting as if it were impossible to fail signify? It signifies the attitude of a person in dealing with his tasks. An Individual naturally self doubts his abilities

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everyday and might feel unable to achieve his goals, however small they may be. But his success depends on his attitude to come out of self fears and perceptions. The first step to success is a confident attitude in believing at his abilities.

for instance, we humans can learn many life lessons from the smallest of visible creatures, The Ant. This tiny Ant acts as if it were impossible to fail and lifts the food three times its body weight and carries them to its nest every

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Single day highlighting the importance of mindset in making failure impossible.

Even though the odds are against us and there are greater chances of facing failure, we have to continue with positive mindset and be the best in our Actions.

for instance, when thrown out of train in South Africa for being a Man of Colour, Mahatma Gandhi clearly knows what he was up against. He decided to fight against entrenched racialism and Colonialism with strong will power. What if Gandhiji ~~to~~ thought it is not possible for one individual to

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Make a change in the world?

Moving beyond Individuals, The Society has to continuously strive in collective effort to get rid of various Social dogmas and religious evils like child marriages. Any effort in achieving 'Summum Bonum' cannot and will not end in failure for it is impossible.

In early 2020, The world has witnessed a grave health crisis in the form of covid-19 pandemic, every Nation stood strong against the adversity and acted as if it were impossible to fail in protecting

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human lives and livelihoods. our corrective effort won over an invisible devil virus. However, can we say that a positive attitude and best efforts will surely guarantee success?

NO, sometimes the result may not be as per our wishes and expectations. Even with best efforts, there is a chance of facing failure as many factors stay beyond our control.

for instance, In domestic cricket league - The Indian premier league, Royal challengers Bangalore is known for best of the best batsmen in the form of Virat Kohli, faf Duplesis. And

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the team unitedly fights as if it were impossible to fail, But the hard truth is RCB is yet to win a IPL title.

This highlights that we have to be guided by Lord Krishna's wisdom of 'Nishkama Karma' in our efforts and wait for the moment. The moment will be closer than what we perceive as said by winston Churchill -

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts".

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what should one do when he encounters failure? first and foremost is to show the value of 'fortitude' to tide over low ebb in our lives. With this courage comes the attitude of perseverance to act again as if it were impossible to fail.

This can be seen in the life story of Thomas Alva Edison. Edison started research enthusiastically to bring light into human world but his efforts met with failure not just once or twice. He failed more than a thousand times but ultimately brought light into lives of man kind.

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Also, one has to identify his mistakes or shortcoming in the previous attempt and make necessary course correction. This improvement brings the success a step closer.

Humans should be guided by the saying of Mahatma Gandhi that 'Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in attainment. Full effort is full victory'

In our 21st century world, people are facing dilemma about continuing their efforts as society started glorifying the results more

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than appreciating the amount of hardwork and perseverance that went in to bring those results. So there is a need for more emphasis on our Actions rather than the results.

Also, we are facing polycrises in the form of rising global warming, increasing threats of terrorism and extremism, and Nuclear threats. Instead of worrying by sitting Idle; we have to make a mindset of acting as if it were impossible to fail as being done by a 19 year old girl Greta thunberg against climate change.

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The attitude has to be built right from the childhood through imbibing values of fortitude, perseverance and positive mindset. We have to highlight the lessons of the greats like Gandhiji, Nelson Mandela and their actions.

Hence, An Individual, a society or a nation has to worry less about potential failures and need to act as if it were impossible to fail and continuously course correct with strong will power in the light of -

"No matter how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul"

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