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## Counsel

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My friend, professor Chaitanya, a well-known psychologist gives counsel to the students voluntarily without a fee. He asks every student “which discipline do you prefer and why?” before all the student of the class who share his views. Chaitanya then assesses the aptitude of the student and guides him about the entrance examinations he has to pass for admission into reputed colleges, institutes and universities in the discipline he has preferred and also suggests him some useful books and guides him till he gets his admission. He selects forty students and gives counsel to them.

“What is teaching? What is learning? – Chaitanya enlightens ever student. It is a class of free flow of thought. He creates and improves healthy aptitude, creativity, confidence without inferiority or superiority complex and dedication to achieve their goals which are useful not only to the student, but also to the society as a whole. He believes that the younger generation should and could create and build a new age of true democracy with their free flow of creative abilities and scientific and technological advancements of today and tomorrow. He believes further that man is born as a student and dies as a student.

We often meet each other and whenever we meet, he talks about one of his students and his mind-set and achievements and goals. Today, he told me what his student Pradeep told in the aptitude class and how he achieved it. “Man’s life is both roses and thorns; happiness and sadness; comforts and difficulties. The man shares them in one way or other with others and with the society similarly, there are certain problems which cannot be shared. He has to suffer all by himself and alone! Physical and psychological illness and diseases cannot be shared with anyone except the doctors! I prefer to read medicine”. He worked hard with dedication and got admission into a good medical college. He earned good name and fame as a student and became a student leader. He inspires his batch mates and other medical students also saying “money is needed to do anything; we cannot deny it. At the same time, we can do many things without money also! There are such ample opportunities in our medical profession” A team of students contribute money and purchase medicines, they visit every Sunday neglected and ignored tribal villages and render medical service. The villagers say to the students with folded hands “if we

see into your smiling, happy and confident faces we feel freed from our illness, pain and disease! Nobody has cared for us for decades. We are indebted to you all forever. ..”. Their words from the depth of their heart make them more committed in their service.

Pradeep and his team often visit Chaitanya and express their grief and agony over the corruption, looting and scams that are taking place in the corporate medical profession. They speak about how kidney and other useful parts of poor people are made as commercial commodity and marketed involving thousands of crores of illegal, criminal and inhuman businesses. They lose control over their mind and tongue. Chaitanya advises them calmly and peacefully patting their shoulders with love” It is you, the younger generation should and could create and build a new age of true democracy free from all the societal and political evils and crimes with your creative abilities and scientific and technological advancements of today and tomorrow”.

Chaitanya looked at his wrist watch and hurried to this motor bike saying “A man who does not know the value of time does not know the value of life.”

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Chaitanya came and sat before me with shining smiles showering from his heart and mind. After usual talk for a few minutes, he began to tell about what his student, Sudhir told in his class. “My grandfather is a lawyer. He spoke about the Acts made by the British several times and now I will in summary repeat his words. The British made acts, regulation, rules, policies, administration and governance useful for their imperialistic and commercial needs and for looting India and they are not useful for our democracy and development. After we got independence and democracy, we did not make new Acts, regulations, rules, policies, administration and governance suitable and useful for our democracy and development, but in a way, continued what the British made with some modifications. As a result, misuse of political power, suppression of human rights, suppression of people’s rights, corruption, looting, poverty and similar social and political evils and crimes continued in one way or other. All this, ultimately led to the failure of our democracy in several aspects instead of development of true democracy and peoples development.

The Acts and law, lawyers and judges have great responsibility in eradicating social and political evils and crimes and developing true democracy. My grandfather has a law library containing

Acts, modifications in the Acts, journals, court judgements, comments and opinions of experts worth over six lakh rupees. I have decided to study law and also some of my friends. They worked hard and got admission to reputed colleges. They also do field study as to how the law is implemented in real terms and what is actually happening. They express surprise and grief in agonized mood that the corruption, looting and similar social and political evils and crimes which are taking place in the society and social living are taking place in the implementation of law and law business which has the responsibility of eradicating them, maybe in a small measure. It may lead to that people may lose confidence in the law.

Chaitanya pacifies them saying “It is you; the younger generation shall and could create and build a new age of true democracy.”

Chaitanya looked at his watch and hurried to his bike saying “A man who does not know the value of time does not know the value of love in life.”

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Chaitanya and I spent some minutes in lively talk. Then, he began to tell what his student, Satish expressed in the class. “My father advised me many times to study for civil service examinations as I.A.S. and I.P.S. and other officers have their own importance and recognition in the society. But, I do not like it. Political interference does not allow this to work freely as per Acts, Regulations and Rules. They have lost their importance, as a result. Further, due to some political corruption, there are instances that some officers are suffering from imprisonment also. For such reasons, the youth lost interest in civil services and me too. But, recently I have changed my mind. We come across daily many cases of corruption by the government officials and officers involving hundreds of crores of rupees. Recently, I read in news that a government official’s property earned by corruption is estimated as rupees five hundred crores! He managed it with the help of some officers sharing the corrupt money! If the shares of others are added to his share, it could be rupees around two thousand crores! The corruption has grown up to such a shameful peak level! People suffer a lot because of corruption in the official machinery.

I want to work with commitment against corruption and black money. I therefore want to prepare for civil service examinations”. Some of the students clapped their hands with pleasure and came forward to follow him. An able and experienced team of professors guided them and Satish and

some of the students came out successful securing good ranks. They are now in training. I had advised them “It is you the younger generation should and could create and build a new age of democracy”.

Chaitanya looked at his watch and hurried to his bike with happiness shining in his face like full moon.

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Chaitanya sat before me with happiness shining in his face like sweet smiles of Jasmines. He raised some difficult questions relating to “Earn for you and your family-Also work for the welfare of the people”. He opines that both are the duties which should be given due importance make life meaningful and social life peaceful. He expresses vehemently that such free flow of thought followed by determination should dawn in everyone’s mind especially in the minds of the younger generation and the intellectual class of people should take it up as people’s movement. Then, Chaitanya began to tell what his student ‘Bhavana’ told in the class. “I am a graduate in commerce and I want to become chartered accountant! We can learn many things on many subjects such as Acts, Taxes, project reports, Accountancy, Auditing and management. It is a very responsible profession. There are opportunities for employment as well as own practice. Facts and truths are its breath and life. Based on the certificates given by the profession, crores and crores of rupees economic activities flow. I have a social objective also in choosing the profession. What is black money? How is it created? How black money is converted into white money? When black money functions parallel to white money, how true and actual economic development could be arrived at? Why government fails to arrest free flow of black money? Why government does not take severe action to arrest it? I want to study the problem of black money in depth with professional knowledge and enlighten people so that people would with awareness of facts and truth fight against black money.” All students listened to her and clapped their hands and some students came forward to study for the profession.

Chaitanya looked at his watch and rushed to his bike.

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We, a team of friends assembled in my reading room and were discussing on social and political problems that the people are facing and suffering from. Meanwhile, Chaitanya came and joined us. Our discussion focused on corruption and black money. Some of them expressed that it is shameful that the intellectual class too commits corruption and looting and that they further play a key role in advising and guiding the investment class for easy and illegal earning by various ways and means such as evasion of taxes, corruption, looting and creation of black money.

Chaitanya opened his mouth and said calmly “I have observed that a new revolution for a new age of true democracy is dawning in the minds of youth” everyone clapped and agreed with him. They announced unanimously “we will join your movement and work with you under your guidance”. Chaitanya welcomed them warmly. Congratulated and thanked them with unbound happiness overflowing his mind and heart.

He looked at his watch and rushed to his bike saying “Time is valuable as true friends”

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