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PROFILE READING



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I am so fortunate that I got opportunity to take birth on this wonderful land, **the land of India**. I also got the chance to listen to the words of goodness and could save myself from the situations like an elephant named **Mahilamukha** has faced. What is the story of elephant *Mahilamukha*? Once upon a time, in a royal stall of the king, there lived an elephant, *Mahilamukha*. *Mahilamukha* was very obedient and calm in nature. One day a group of burglars made their group near the royal stall and started their discussion with the words that it is a great virtue to become cruel, kill and harm others. Burglars used to continue their discussion every night. These words were overheard by elephant and got impressed. Next day when the *Mahout* came to visit *Mahilamukha*, he killed the *Mahout*, then next *Mahout* came, an elephant killed him too and so on. The matter reached to the king. The king asked his wise minister to take a look into the matter. The wise minister did all careful observations. There was no bodily problem associated with an elephant, then it must be something else that made him to become cruel. The wise minister understood the story of overhearing the words of burglars. Minister advised the king to bring some saintly people from the country and request them to discourse about the real virtues and goodness. The king followed the advice of the wise minister. *Mahilamukha* listened the words of real virtues and goodness and realized the mistake that he has done.

What is this goodness? Goodness is the goodness only when someone has experienced it. Once experienced and realized, the next steps in short are -

'Close all the doors to save the earned goodness.

Open all the doors to allow goodness from coming in that one do not have.

Close all the doors to prevent badness from coming in.

Open all the doors to allow badness to go out.'

I have also realized that talking about goodness is so simple but acquiring and maintaining them is very difficult. So let us not talk more and continue to acquire more. What will one do with the acquired goodness? To answer this, let me take the help of the following words,

Waqt aane de bata denge tujhe yeh Aasman,

Hum abhi se kya batayein, kya hamare dil mein hai?

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express myself.



Out of the box

Revolutionary Pioneer



Marie Curie

Mother Teresa

Anne Frank

Benazir Bhutto

Margaret Fuller

Marie Curie (1867 – 1934) – Polish / French scientist.

Curie was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize and the first person to win the Nobel Prize for two separate categories. Her first award was for research into radioactivity (Physics 1903). Her second Nobel prize was for Chemistry in 1911. A few years later she also helped develop the first X ray machines.

Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997) – Albanian nun/ charity work.

Devoting her life to the service of the poor and dispossessed Mother Teresa became a global icon for selfless service to others. Through her Missionary of Charities organisation she personally cared for thousands of sick and dying people in Calcutta. She was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1979.

Anne Frank (1929 – 1945) – Dutch / Jewish author.

Anne Frank's diary is one of the most widely read books in the world. It reveals the thoughts of a young, yet surprisingly mature 13-year-old girl, confined to a secret hiding place. "Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart."

Benazir Bhutto (1953 – 2007) The first female prime minister of a Muslim country. She helped to move Pakistan from a dictatorship to democracy becoming Prime Minister in 1988. She sought to implement social reforms, in particular helping women and the poor. She was assassinated in 2007.

Margaret Fuller (1810 – 1850) An American women's rights advocate.

Her book *Women in the Nineteenth Century* (1845) was influential in changing perceptions about men and women, and was one of the most important early feminist works. She argued for equality and women being more self-dependent and less dependent on men.

