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COMMENTS



The measure of a man is what he does with power

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Tolstoy's 'war & peace' beautifully describe the French revolution. It analyzes the character of Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon was a great warrior. He brought the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity & promised people of France an egalitarian and free society. But later on when Napoleon acquired power, people got disillusioned. Napoleon declared himself the 'emperor of France' and started taking despotic and coercive measures in the name of reform.

Instead of teaching Democratic values in schools he started teaching Napoleonic values. Many historians have said that "Napoleon was as great as a man can be without moral values".

The above story reflects that the true character or measure of a person can be tested when he is given power.

In addition to that it also raises some important questions.

What are various ways to measure a man? Is power the only way?

How power can be used rightly? and how has it been used in a

wrong manner in <sup>the</sup> past? How to  
develop such values in a man so  
that power can be used rightly?  
Let us explore.

Before beginning let us  
deconstruct the given phrase.

'Measuring' a man means checking  
his core values like Integrity,  
character, honesty, emotional intellig-  
ence etc. Here 'man' can be  
a person, an institution or a  
Country. And power can have both  
negative and positive Connotations.

History is replet with  
numerous examples of such 'man'  
who has used his power wrongly.

After the death of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Kesab chandra Sen was given the power & Command of Brahmo Samaj. outside he propagated the values of women empowerment. But his followers got disillusioned when Sen himself allowed the marriage of his ~~old~~ girl child of mere eleven years old, to Mahareja of Cooch Berar. This incident showed the real measure of Sen.

Similarly if we take the example of Hitler then it is another eye opener. Hitler, in the name of making germany great,

Committed most heinous crimes of humanity. Not only individuals but Countries have also suffered from this hangover of power

USA, being a great Super Power, has shown double standards at world stage. Be it war in Vietnam or in Iraq or be it providing weapons to Taliban to defend Russia, USA's moral face has been degraded several times.

Similar to USA, we have our neighbour China which has adopted an strategy of "Debt trap diplomacy" and bullying smaller & poorer countries for

its own vested interests. Moreover many institutions have also been seen abusing the power & getting mired in corruption.

Supreme Court has called CBI as a 'caged parrot'. CBI has been accused of raiding members of opposition parties while cases of members of ruling party lingers for years without action.

In addition to this, cases of corruption is yet another challenge. 'Gunnar Myrdal' in her book 'Asian drama' said that 'corruption in India do not have wheels' but wings, it engulf every person in position of power from top to bottom.

• Misuses of power during ~~elections~~ elections in India is very prevalent. Powerful individuals use power to manipulate people & popularize a politics of caste. Rajni Kothari in her book 'Caste in India' states that "people do not cast their vote but they vote their caste".

All the above examples show that "Man" has forgotten that "power comes with great responsibility". But all hope is not lost as there are many instances of good and rightful use of power. Let us explore.

There are individuals who have really valued the

responsibility and accountability that comes with power. Greatest example being Mahatma Gandhi. He was the leader of the masses & had great power in his words & works. He did not take the advantages of situations arising out of World Wars to overthrow British. ~~support~~ He realized that Britishers are facing a fascist aggression and it is his moral duty to support Allied forces. It showed the real character of Gandhi for whom 'means' were equally important as ends to be achieved.

Similarly in Independent

India's many great administrators assumed power for what it is meant to be. T. N. Shushan, also known as the 'man who cleaned Indian elections', was a person of great Integrity. He strictly enforced model Code of Conduct without fear or favour to any party.

Another example is of Durga Shakti nagpal who eradicated the menace of Mining Mafias in her district. Yet another person 'Satyendra Dubey' had to sacrifice his life in an attempt to fight the Corruption in Highway Construction.

Like great people of India, India has also shown to the world the right use of power.

Recently India hosted G20 summit. It emerged as a established leader of global South & became the voice of poor & developing countries. In past also India used its position of power to resolve conflicts & providing humanitarian aid at global stage. India's role in Korean war, peacekeeping forces in Africa, vaccine supply during Covid etc are too obvious to be stated.

After above discussion, one very pertinent question that arises is, How to develop such values in a man so that power can be used rightly?

It is often said that Charity begins at home which effectively means that we have to become the change that we want to see in the world. Parents & family have great responsibility in nurturing right values in a child. They have to provide right environment and education to the growing child whose mind is a "tabula rasa" (clean slate).

Then comes the role of formal

education. Schools should teach 'Value education' to students as knowledge without character is a Grandhian sin.

Countries have to create ~~strong~~ strong institutions. James Robinson in his book "Why nations fail" states the poor quality of institutions of a country is prime reason of its demise.

Summing up, ~~As~~ As said by 'Protagoras' that "Man is the measure of all the things" which means

Nearly all men can withstand adversity, but if you want to test the real character, give him power!

It is our utmost priority that this power should be used rightly.