

Corona: A Catalyst of Poetic Justice

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Abstract: Corona has terrified the people and the countries the world over. Safety and security of individuals at individual levels have become more important than at collective levels. No doubt, at collective levels too, people are awakened to take precautionary measures but at the cost of individual levels by being quarantined. In the present paper I've tried to throw light on the brighter side of corona. It has emerged as boon for flora and fauna. Corona has frightened man and has made him realize to understand the broader perspectives of Nature. Man, animals, living and non-living creatures are the parts of Nature; good and bad, virtues and vices, healthful life and life with diseases rest in Nature and so it is unfair to curse Corona.

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INTRODUCTION

Though it appears strange to compare corona with that of invincible power that comes out to save mankind from premature inevitable hour and restore peace and harmony in the world, the invincible is unseen but the corona is visible across the world. It acts as a catalyst; it infuses sane thought in human mind to think again and again to explore the causes and the effects it has befallen on human race. Corona is like Raktabeej1, a demon, referred to in Indian scriptures. The drops of blood shedding from the body of Raktbeej used to form the bodies of countless Raktbeejs, committed to killing the people at large. The tale of scripture states that the goddess Kaali had to suck all the drops of his blood and then only she could kill him. It may be questioned how corona can become good when it is like such a devil that is creeping fast with a purpose of infecting the mankind and thereby engulfing it into its unfathomable surface from where one cannot escape. I've made an effort to uncover all such issues.

Analysis

Covid 2019 emerged as the most disastrous disease; it attacked man like demons and frightened the whole human civilisation. However, it is different from demons, for the demons harm only those who try to defy them or those who refuse to accept live life like the demons live. They do not disturb those who abide by their instructions or those who imbibe their culture. Today, corona has come out like such a frightening character from the womb of Nature that cautions people realise their sins they have committed against their mother, Nature; they should stop living life by defying the laws of nature; they must follow the rule of the road

failing which they will have to lead to the path of their own destruction.

Man has divided himself into innumerable faiths, has created religion into a number of forms and structures, has attacked nature and has split her in many disfigured shapes, and has created many gods for whom and against whom he fights endlessly with one another. Man does not realise what man should do for man, but has bound his own race into the chains of a number of religious faiths, from the clutches of which he is hardly allowed to come out and apply his own knowledge that Nature has gifted him. Though he is born free, everywhere he is in chains. Though Nature has gifted man with the power of knowing her by his sacred deeds, he is warned not to misuse knowledge and exercise the foul means.

When man tried to transcend his wisdom by tasting the fruit of knowledge which was in the middle of the garden, but forbidden2 for him, he was cursed. Nature doesn't do so against her children; she always nurses them; her only wish is that her grownup children should look after her and protect her from any unforeseen evil forces. Corona is one of the inseparable parts of Nature. There have been conflicts between man and nature, though nature has never initiated the conflicts nor does she ever do. It is man who does all the things for accomplishment of his selfish interests. He has become such a shameless creature that he is pleased by transgressing unspoken submissiveness of nature and seeing Her in a naked condition; not only this, sometimes, he acts like a villain who doesn't like nature covered with a veil; every time, he applies his power to uncover her as was done by Duhshasan in

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molesting Draupadi³. But, Nature is still kind to him by forgiving and ignoring his ugly deeds as a mother does for her child.

Nature only wants that man should live a happy life in her lap in the same way as do the animals, plants and the creature; they are troubled by none other than man alone. Nature's desire is,

Om dyauh shanti rantariksham shantih
Prithvi shantirapah shantih
Oshadhayah shantih Vanaspatayah shantih
Vishvedevaah shantih Brahma shantih
Sarvam shantih Shantireva shantih
Saamaa shantiredhih
Om shaantih, shaantih, shaantih!(*Yajurved* 36:170 4)

May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well as in the vast ethereal space everywhere.

May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees and creepers.

May peace flow over the whole universe.

May peace be in the Whole Universe.

And may there always exist in all peace and peace alone.

Om peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!

— (Translation by Swami Abhedananda, Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, India)

What will happen if man doesn't realise the sins he has committed or those he keeps on committing. This shows the rise of intolerable and unpardonable human acts for which he must be punished. In *Gita*, Lord Krishna tells Arjuna,
yada yada hi dharmasya
glanir bhavati bhārata
abhyutthanam adharmasya
tadatmanam srijamy aham 5

Whenever there is decline of *dharmā*, and rise of *adharmā*, I shall incarnate with the purpose of uplifting the *dharmā* and punishing the wrong doers.

Corona is born to caution the people to live life according to the rules of the road; it warns the mankind not to interfere as and when they wish. It will be unfair to term corona only as a bane; of course, it is for humans, but in a larger perspective, it has emerged as a boon for animals to some extent, as it has saved and still saving the helpless animals' life. They become victims only when humans become cruel against them.

CONCLUSION

The arrival of Corona, thus, has gradually shackled the blind faith humans have developed for religions and their religious gods. Religions and their practitioners have been interfering in human affairs and have been prescribing norms and customs to be abided by; even today they intervene in the rule of law as they did during the medieval periods. But thanks to corona that it has made man think and believe in science that empowers him to discriminate between right and wrong, true and false, good and bad and so on. It has opened the eyes of man to see and believe that only the religion of science can save mankind from the catastrophic state man is presently undergoing; it will enlighten the human mind if it is injected by the nectar of scientific knowledge.

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