

An Encounter with a Human Being

God's Creation has forever remained a mystery. Nobody has been able to fathom the wonders of God's Creation. The mysteries are hidden in Nature's bounty, the dark, brooding mountains and the lush green valleys.

This world is full of unknown colours, emotions and mysteries. One is constantly perplexed by questions like, "What is the purpose of our existence? Why are we here? What belongs to us? What binds or repels two living beings?"

These topics have perplexed mankind for centuries and will continue to do so, irrespective of a large number of Religions, Priests and incarnations of Almighty.

I am just a minuscule molecule in this entire game plan, and I do not know what prompts me to share my thoughts with you. What prompted me to write "Emotions" and "Encounter with God", my earlier two publications.

I join you again, this time with "An Encounter with a Human Being."

I know that it is not possible for anybody to fully explain what he wants to say. Nevertheless I shall try to do so. Of course, this would not have been possible without the love and respect that I received from all of you. It is your generous response to my earlier books that has given me enough courage to come up with the present one. Actually, you know, whatever the truth is, cannot be said and whatever is said cannot be the full truth!

The moment something is spoken, it becomes subject to interpretation by the listener. He interprets it according to his own knowledge and beliefs which may be quite different from that of the speaker. And the soul has a language of its own, it is not bound by the rules of any language, be it Hindi, English or Urdu or Gugeo or Mandarin . It can only be felt, seen and realized. One has to have a certain sensitivity to understand the language of the soul.

One of the many ironies faced by all of us human beings is that we see death coming to all our near and dear ones but we think that death

is not meant for us. We go to the “*shamshan ghat*” (Crematorium) to cremate them. We console their families and return, smug in the belief that we can dodge death. Thousands of us discover only at death that we never really lived. And that in fact, we have wasted our lives and have not been able to appreciate the value of human existence.

The human being is the best creation of God. Human beings fascinate me. We encounter human beings right from the point we enter into this world till the point we leave, maybe even after that. Of course, we never really know that.

Observing human beings is a delightful activity! The way they behave, react, love, hate, possess and renounce various things they face and experience in this world; it is truly remarkable.

Henceforth “I” has been used to denote that all-powerful soul present within me - *something quite different from the NKG people know physically*. “We” is an extension of the same to include the whole of humanity and existence. Humanity is

the entire race of human beings, including all men and women.

Let only pure meaning spread to the deepest core of your being where words have no access, where only wordless meaning is able to enter.

Over to you please.

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The first thing that strikes one about a human being is his possessiveness. About how protective he is of his children and his loved ones. Perhaps a human mother is the only one in the world to carry her baby in her womb for nine long months, then breast feed it for two years or so. After that, for nearly 10-12 years, she takes full responsibility for its upbringing, education and nurturing.

A human being takes great pains to teach his or her child manners, the understanding of good and bad things and the culture of his family and community as such.

Even his religious orientation starts at an early age.

I am surprised to see that humans do not have faith in God, who has actually created the entire world including the baby. He does not have faith in God, who is the master of all Creation.

Why doesn't he believe that God can take care of a human baby just as God takes care of thousands of other living beings. And does this guarantee either success or happiness or peace. No, certainly not.

In spite of all the past bad experiences of human beings regarding their children, they continue to behave in the same way.

They forget the manner in which they had behaved with their parents and with this world. Is it not a wonder to see such a human?

Another remarkable thing about a human is that everyday he sees people leaving this world, empty-handed. He sees death almost everyday and each human acknowledges and knows well that death is inevitable. Yet is it not astonishing

that each human thinks that death is not meant for him. The human firmly believes and behaves in all possible ways to show and prove that he is not going to die, even though outwardly he will always recite that life is short and that death is inevitable

It is surprising to note how a human being projects himself. Even a cunning human being will pose innocent. Most often the human momentarily feels happy if he cheats someone. What does a man get out of cunning, riches and status? He may get anything but peace.. Peace, love and bliss are the prerogative of the innocent and the truthful. Nobody can take them away from you. Hence one should strive to live a truthful and innocent life.

Another interesting thing about the human body is that with such a large body, there are only two small inlets to breathe in. It is a miracle to find how just two small nostrils are providing life through air available free with the grace of God, to such a huge body and countless beings.

Is it not enough proof that even with a miniscule opening you can enter the entire world of peace that God has created?

It is simply amusing to see the human. How he likes to go through the same experience again and again. Having lost in gambling, he goes on trying his luck at gambling in the hope of winning. After having failed in love, he goes on attempting again and again in the hope that he would get true love. Does this not mean that he likes to lose and get cheated over and over again? Or does he think that his brain is far more excellent than all his fellow men and that he will win one day?

One of the most mysterious things about the human body, which always surprises me, is the fact that human beings have two eyes only on the front of their head. I wonder what would have been the purpose of God, the Creator, in placing two eyes only on the front side of the head. This would enable a human to only see left, right and forward. However he cannot see what is happening behind his back.

Maybe it is God's way of telling us to always look forward and not bother about what happens in the past or look back.

The human being lives purely for temporary happiness. He goes on accumulating money, houses, jewellery, and cars in the hope that through this he will get joy and happiness. But it is ironical that he is never contented and happy, There is hardly any happiness or satisfaction in possessing unlimited money or even good health, unless one knows how to use these advantages spiritually and for the benefit of others. But how many of us are really interested in helping others? We do not want to part with our wealth in order to help others. We do not want to do any charity. We just go on storing and accumulating more and more wealth and assets without any limits.

Man remains so busy in his pursuit of material comforts and assets, that he forgets his duty towards his fellow beings and lesser privileged; that of showing compassion and understanding towards them and doing acts of charity. As a

result he ends up living a life of misery, greed and frustration.

A human being creates and accumulates money, property, status and children in the hope of getting happiness. Yet he remains miserable, dissatisfied and is always looking for more and more. Alas! He is so weak and fragile that a few angry, bad words by somebody make him tense and worried. They are enough to ruin his happiness. A small failure in life makes him miserable. What is the use then of collecting all these mundane, material things?

It is really surprising that a human wants to “know” the universe, he wants to know everything about far-flung countries and all other human beings, when its hard enough for him to even know fully about his own locality, city or even himself.

Is this another way to be away from oneself? One wonders!

We live in a world of illusions. Sometimes we just create a world, dreamed up by ourselves,

without any foundation. We celebrate birthdays in an empty and meaningless fashion. We all assemble at one place, sing a “happy birthday” song, eat cake and sumptuous food and disperse. I fail to understand how this “happy birthday” wish will have any effect, when hardly anybody really means it from the core of his heart. It is just reduced to a mundane formality. After all it is the birthday boy who pays for the cake and the party!

Can't we think of a better way of enjoying the day? We came to this world remembering that we have to go back!

It is surprising to see the human species around the world having identical physical features. You cannot mistake a human being for somebody else. He has distinctive physical features. Yet you can distinguish people of different countries and different regions from each other. If I am born in India I speak Hindustani, in Germany, German and in China, Chinese. Yet emotions, feelings and love are expressed in the same way everywhere, without any problem.

We appreciate good food, good clothes and a good building wholeheartedly. But why is it that we cannot appreciate somebody who is a good human being?

The human is so insecure today that he cannot even sleep in an open environment. He feels scared that somebody might rob him or harm him. He cannot enjoy God's blessings of sunshine, the beautiful rays of the moon and the fresh air. Human beings have not built houses to live in but fortresses, where even air and sunlight cannot trespass. I am always confused as to why man is so insecure and what prevents him from living naturally?

Each human lives in two worlds. One is the mundane, material world and the other is the divine spiritual world. Naturally the body belongs to the material world and the soul to the spiritual world. Yet the human always focuses on the body, the material and physical aspects. It is always surprising to note that the human turns to the spiritual world mostly in his old age. That is why in most religious gatherings we

see mostly aged persons. What needs to be explained here is what prevents him to enter the spiritual world in his youth itself?

The human being has really extraordinary ways of behaving towards God. He creates images and idols of God according to his own imagination. They are made of marble, plastic, wood, clay and what not. He spends hefty sums to construct brick and mortar edifices to install the idols, worshipping them as God. It is ironical that even though he worships these idols, he indulges in all kinds of ungodly acts. But does God need such large temples? Are such large temples needed for housing man-created idols? While man loves and worships idols prepared by himself, he refuses to accept other human beings as his true copy . Even though they have been genuinely created by God himself! Man finds it easy to become “ungodly” and indulge in acts of sin and greed..

A look at the human also arouses sympathy and compassion. That is when you realize what a difficult life the poor chap is living to repay his karmas. You are filled with more sympathy and

compassion when you realize that while doing so, he inadvertently generates more karmas to repay. The process is never-ending. This is where the importance of a Guru becomes evident. You have to find a Guru to guide you and act as a beacon light. He is the one who will bring you out of the mess. It is said that you have money, position and power because of your previous karmas. But while you enjoy all these material comforts, the good karmas of several generations get negated. The account of all your karmas never closes, it carries on life after life. When your good karmas get negated, you are left blank and void. A major hurdle is created in your endeavour to attain Moksha.

Another interesting feature of human beings is that even though they all live in one and the same universe and share the same earth, water and food, they are poles apart. Each human lives in his own separate universe, but he cannot exist in his own universe without others. The fact remains that no human being can live independently in this universe. He needs the active support and cooperation of everything in the universe. The support of not only all other

humans but also all other things created by Nature, Trees, Animals, Creepers, Birds, Air, Water and Sunshine. But the human is vain and arrogant. He strongly believes he is super intelligent, super powerful and capable of ruling over all other humans in the universe.

What an ego!

Small children add charm and joy to this world . They are beautiful, cute and handsome. A look at them fills you with lots of love and happiness. You give them a loving smile. The smile also warms you up. I wonder if it is due to the innocent, simple mind of the child. A mind that is devoid of the virus of greed, pride, enmity and attachment to worldly things. His look is pure and earnest. The child, in fact, is closest to God, the Creator. His simple look reflects his simple, uncorrupted soul. The child loses this look as he grows older and learns the ways of the world. I think all of us are responsible for this loss. We teach him cunning, cruelty and a so-called religion devoid of love, brotherhood and compassion.

A human being, during his lifetime on this earth, behaves in a very unusual way. As a child he needs all the freedom possible. Ironically, he refuses to give this to his own children. As a small child he is under protection. His parents keep him secure and sheltered. But as soon as he becomes an adolescent his parents start neglecting him and leave him to swim in the dark. The same parents take care of the child's health, food, education and clothing. They teach him right from wrong. But when he starts showing signs of youth and physical changes take place in his body, his parents simply leave him to find his own answers. Ironically, that is the time that the child needs maximum guidance and understanding. And where does a child go for these answers? To his schoolmates, his neighborhood friends? All of them are, in any case, inexperienced and incompetent to answer his queries. And yet when the same child lands up in some situation which the parents think is wrong, the poor child is turned away and rejected.

Another interesting face of the human is with regard to marriage. The human thinks he is

suited for, in fact is the best for everything in the world. When it comes to marriage we discard the custom of child marriage. But when we arrange the marriage of a so-called adult do we ensure that he is really mature enough to understand marriage? Not exactly. Let us ponder over the following facts. How many of us have explained to the children what really marriage is, what are the responsibilities and duties of marriage? Why at all is marriage necessary. Oh God! Lets just forget it.

How many of us ourselves know the why and how of marriage? Whom do we trust our children to learn from and understand about marriage? And when marriage starts showing the well-known signs of discomfort, unhappiness and misery, the parents do not take any responsibility and start blaming the children. Is this not hypocrisy?

One major reason why marriages fail is owing to the failure of sexual life. Here again humans falter as they do not give adequate sex education to their children. Sex is made out to be a bad and unwanted thing. We continuously teach and tell all bad things about sex to children. Even

though the sexual organs are natural parts of our body, right from the beginning we train the child to think of them as something extraordinary, something that is associated with shame and to be kept covered under all circumstances. We keep telling the young child to do everything but sex. All this germinates an unhealthy seed in the mind of the child and the young. A seed that associates sex with a bad and unwanted feeling. And when the child grows up and is ready for marriage, then suddenly it all becomes right! The same child is forced to indulge in it. The poor human, even though he gets into all this, hardly enjoys life. He takes several years to come out of this deep-rooted bad feeling. This is similar to a situation wherein the whole life you are taught not to eat meat and then suddenly after 30 years you are told; that you can eat meat as it is a good source of protein!. Can one hardly enjoy it then?

A human being is blessed with a creative and supreme intelligence. But he does not put his intelligence to constructive use. He mostly uses it for destructive purposes or to scheme against his fellow beings? God gave the human

intelligence so that he may spread love, joy and prosperity among his fellow human beings. But alas! The human being uses this supreme intelligence to conspire against his fellow beings, causing misery and unhappiness to them. Rather than endeavor to make his fellow beings happy, he enjoys seeing them in trouble.

So, finally- don't you think human being is a truly remarkable entity!