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Don't Depend Upon Tomorrow

In order to be successful in life, one must take care that one doesn't miss opportunities that come in one's way. It is a well-established precept which says that we must not postpone till tomorrow what we can do today. In the scheme of our lives, the present is the most important thing, as the future is so uncertain. No one can predict with hundred per cent accuracy as to what is there in store for us in the future. If we are lethargic, inactive and slothful and do not act in time, it means that we are losing an opportunity for garnering success. It is rightly said that opportunity knocks at the door but once. The present is the most important point of time for us to act in earnest. 'Take time by the forelock' is a timeless axiom which means that we should act decisively to accept an opportunity without any procrastination. If time is pictured with just a forelock of hair, then it can only be grabbed as it comes towards you, not as it leaves; for if it leaves, it leaves for ever and the opportunity is missed once and for all. So many of our failures, despairs and disappointments in life can be attributed to opportunities missed and action deferred. Not only in the lives of individuals, but also in the lives of nations, opportunities missed lead to disastrous consequences. The partition of India is an unhappy saga of an opportunity missed for keeping India united. History is witness to the fact that before we gained Independence, a moment of time came when there was a great possibility of keeping India united. But owing to some error committed somewhere, the opportunity was missed and we know what happened. It is also to be remembered that we should not procrastinate doing good things, but we must delay and delay doing bad things. Ravan hurried incurring enmity with Rama and postponed erecting stairs to the Heaven till another day. And we see the result.

This question is often raised as to why we do not have sufficient time to do things. Everybody wants to have good things and at the same time to do good deeds. But the number of such persons is very small as can find time and perform deeds for their liking. Some people say that they are under such a pressure that they get no time, much less some leisure. Some people say that good things are not written in their luck or that they are not fortunate enough to do good things; and some persons only wait for suit-able time.

People of the category of the wise persons try to make others understand that this is Kalyug (Iron age) **to keep** upto ideals and fulfil our ambitions. We should wait for better times. In short, there are some persons who do not want to do anything today but keep on waiting for tomorrow.

A lad says that he would do all things when he becomes young. In the same way a young man tries to postpone things for the ripe or old age. Strangely enough the old man says now it has become too late to do things. What is meant to say is that most of us suffer from the phobia of tomorrow.

This is a great curse of our time that we have got it into our mind that the coming times will be very bright. Our leaders also keep showing bright pictures of the future, rather they assure to bring good days shortly after. In that atmosphere we should

be able to fulfil all our ambitions and do good things of our liking.

Some persons even think that after some time they will get enough easy and free time. We should remember that circumstances, as obtaining at present, are quite favourable to us. This is a law of nature that it creates good and proper time for everybody. Our outer atmosphere is deeply connected with the internal one or our outer and internal environments are very closely connected or rather inter-dependent.