

"It's a small step for a man, but a giant stride for all mankind".

Gentle Reader, if your mind is not stirred, when you hear the foregoing sentences you may as well lay aside this treatise and proceed no further.

These significant words were uttered in the middle of the current century to be mod- exact, on the 20th July, 1969; These sentences came out of the mouth of Neil Armstrong, the first ever astronaut to set his foot on the Moon; these were spoken not from the soil of the earth, but from that of its satellite and this message im- mediately hurtled through space with the speed of lightning and was at once caught up by the technicians of NASA who were employed round the clock for the success of the Moon Mis- sion. These words mark a milestone in Man's progress to- wards Enlightenment. Apollo XI like Tennyson's Ulysses, is so to say, a symbol of Man's eter- nal quest, for knowledge.

If we observe the important parts of man's physiognomy, we shall mark two of these as pro- minent namely the Head and the Heart.

The Head, the seat of brain and intellect, is manifest to the naked eye and is inset with eyes, ears etc. which are the different gateways of knowledge. The Heart which pumps the vital fluid, though not outwardly visible is very much there. From birth to death it is throbbing away every second. When it ceases to throb, life ceases to exist.

For the purpose of this dis- sertation we would like to use the words, the Head and the Heart, not so much in the ante- mical sense, but rather with a figurative meaning standing res- pectively for Intellect and Emo- tion. Man, undoubtedly is a creature of intellect and emo- tion. His happiness as well as his duty lies in a proper syn- thesis of these two vital qualities. By intellect we do not mean merely cleverness or sagacity as such. We do not refer merely to the dexterity of the dentist in extracting an aching tooth or the cleverness of the carpenter in fashioning a wardrobe.

By the word 'intellect' we mean much more than that. We refer to the capacity to probe into

the core of problems, to com- prehend how societies and gov- ernments run, to make humanity progress towards its desirable end by extending the knowledge of science and technology.

By 'emotion' we do not refer merely to the conjugal love existing between husband and wife or the filial love subsisting between parents and children. In the field of emotion love has to be so broadbased that it will transcend domestic and geogra- phical boundaries. We have to extend our hand of cooperation to neighbours, even to non- neighbours abolish drudgery and poverty and put an end to fanaticism and racism. "The civilised man" as Bertrand Rus- sell has said must enlarge his heart as he has enlarged his mind.

In short by Intellect we mean

fittest person to be awarded such a Prize. The Nobel prize (which was his own creation) came into operation from 1901 after his death. This is to go to reward persons, who during each year contributed most materially to the benefit of mankind in various specified fields (including the establishment of Peace in the world).

Dr. Nobel was practically the contemporary of Matthew Ar- nold (who introduced men to the idea of "Sweetness and Light"). He was born in 1833 whereas Arnold was born in 1822. If I am asked to give the place to any person imbued with the spirit of "Sweetness and Light" I would give it to Dr. Nobel.

I would now draw the atten- tion of my readers to a cognate issue—the misuse of intellect by

mined by the position of stars (situated hundred of light years away) at the moment of his birth, or is dependant to the ridges of his finger, is too pre- posterous a proposition to be accepted by the intelligentia. Such an attitude will inevitably lead to laziness and loss of ini- tiative. A more healthy attitude would be to try to improve one's position inspite of occasional setbacks and to do the Right as God gives us to see the Right. I would request my readers to read and ponder over the following lines of Emerson.

"Our acts our angels are

Or good, or ill,

Our fatal shadows that

Walk by us still"

Let us put the matter to an acid test. I refer to the death of late lamented Mrs. Indira Gandhi who died on the 31st October 1984 having been shot by her own bodyguards. Her death was mourned by millions. There are thousands of astrolog- ers in India and it is said that Mrs. Gandhi had her own per- sonal and State astrologer. Could any one of the numerous astro- logers foretell her death or at least say that ill-luck was brewing for her on that parti- cular day, the 31st October. None!! So this belief in so- called occult sciences is all bosh and moonshine! Belief in such fanciful ideas is contrary to the spirit of "Sweetness of Light" being a negation of intellect and enlightenment.

The foregoing paragraphs should not be considered as re- jection of all kinds of isms... such as hypnotism, telepathy, psychiatry, clairvoyance. But the difficulty is that those who deal in such topics, are apt to hide their activities under a veil of secrecy and magic. These sub- jects when pursued in the proper scientific spirit, may indeed rise to the dignity of disciplines worthy of being taught in the Universities.

Having so long dilated on what Enlightenment should be and what it should not be let us turn our attention to Sweetness—what is should be and what it is not.

(To be concluded)

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total understanding and by Emo- tion total sympathy, leading to total Happiness.

I would prefer to call the fusion of Intellect and Emotion under a new nomenclature, namely

"Sweetness and Light"

Sweetness for Love, and Light for Enlightenment. This phrase "Sweetness & Light" is nothing new. It had been coined by Matthew Arnold in the last cen- tury, but I would like to give the phrase a wider connotation.

Those who will follow this new call of "Sweetness and Light" will bend their energies towards the creation of a better world based on wide sympathy and deep understanding.

Who is more entitled to be an exponent of "Sweetness and Light" that Dr. Alfred Nobel Swedish Engineer and Chemist, the inventor of the dynamite? True, he is not to be compared with Newton or Einstein; but in his own field of Engineering and Chemistry he was great. Indeed I would go so far as to say, that if a Comparable prize (similar to Nobel Prize) had been in existence in or around 1890 he would have been the

the Elite. I refer to the belief in palmistry and astrology by persons from whom a more scientific attitude could have been expected. Graduates of the University forgetting the liberal education they have received, business tycoons inspite of the security of their wealth, are sometimes seen to wear many rings on their fingers; one may be of gold, another of ruby, another of diamond and another of amethyst. These are suppos- ed to bring good luck to the wearer and avert evil. Thus the astrologers trading on the zulli- bility of the public are running a thriving business. Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer are the different signs of the zodiac. It is commonplace to hear credu- lous people glibly disclose "My Sign is J. Wednesdays and Fri- days are lucky days for me" or "My Sign is Y. I am des- tined to success in Love." These people have sold their well-being for a mess of pottage. A moiety of these astrologers and palmists has hardly any ground- ing in science or medicine, the methods advocated by them for physical or mental cure can hardly be relied upon.

That a man's fate is deter-