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The fool is the precursor to the Saviour.

Once there was a boy who was madly in search of alchemy to convert any metal into gold. His father was worried because of his foolish search which was snatching away his sleep, happiness, health and youth. So, his father ticked him and told,



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" I know the secret ingredient for your alchemy - it is to collect soil from leaves of Bamboos after growing them". The foolish boy, immediately, started working hard. After years of hard work, he found alchemy. Not by ability to convert anything into gold but finding true happiness in hardwork. He became saviour of his own.

In foolish state, one commits mistakes. ~~only~~ Saviour has no existence, if there are no mistakes or failures.

like that boy, there are many fools amongst us who ~~are~~ are either ignorant or have a mad vision. But these fools are useful as they bring changes in society. Saviours from time immemorial have been



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harbingers of stability out of chaos.
let us establish connection between
fools and saviours. We will also
analyze are they really useful for
society?

Firstly, Fools can be considered
as candles which define darkness.

They challenge existing system with
their mad ideas. One such fool was
Dr. Semmelweis. He questioned that
Doctors hands can be dirty and spread
illness among patients.

All other Doctors found his idea
crazy and useless. But later louis
Pasteur emerged as Saviour with his
germ theory. He became the candle
which defied darkness. Since his theory,
Hygiene & Handwash become compulsory
in Hospitals.



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However, not all fools are visionary like Dr. Semmelweis. Some fools are crazy for their passionate though unreasonable goals. This can be connected with Lord Lytton who introduced Vernacular Press Act, 1878 under his foolish colonial thinking.

But, Lord Lytton was precursor to the saviour Lord Ripon. Lord Ripon became one of the few beloved Viceroy of India because of his attempts to undo foolish acts of Lytton.

Hence, fools can be desirable like Dr. Semmelweis and undesirable like Lord Lytton. Now, let us look further into essence of fools in the society.



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Fools are ignorant. But ignorance is useful because 'Not knowing is the best place to start'. Novel ideas are always seen with suspicion. That's how, society defines 'People with unique voice as fools'.

It happened with Trinity Saioo of Manipur. Her insistence on cultivating Lakadong Turmeric was regarded as foolishness. But she remained determined. Later, she became survivor of her community from poverty to empowerment.

However, not all novel ideas ~~are~~ get chance to become saviour of the society. To illustrate, Guru Nanak's idea of 'Sacha Sauda' was discarded by his contemporary society. His vision



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was ~~to~~ that maximum profit from Rs. 20 is to feed hungry Saadhus.

But people, including his father, rebuked him as foolish with no sense of Commerce.

In addition, sometimes Saviour turns out those who want to ^{save} their own self interest. They suppress 'voices of change' by calling them fools. To illustrate, protesters against Corrupt Ugandan government are portrayed as fools who are becoming stumbling blocks of development. Such saviours actually become destroyers.

As fools are both desirable and undesirable; similarly saviours can also be desirable and undesirable.

A lot of foolish attempts try to convert a bad saviour into good saviours.



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To illustrate, foolish attempt of First World War created saviour in the form of League of Nation. But still, it was a failure. Post Second World War, an another foolish attempt, created United Nations. However, given great wars happening worldwide, UN is still not desirable saviour which we need.

Does that mean, foolish wars or skirmishes are always necessary to bring in peace? The society can also be saved without foolish attempts, if we repair our roofs when sun is shining.

This can be explained with help of Prompt Corrective Action Plan of RBI on Indian Banks. This counteryclical approach, though checked Banking business growth in good times, was not a

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foolish attempt. But ~~the~~ RBI emerged as saviour of Indian Banking system when global banks like Silvergate were crashing down.

If wise saviours fail to take such proactive measures, time is lost to protect it from those fools who destroy the whole system. Fools are not always precursor to the saviour. The Mariners who killed Albatross in S.T. Coleridge poem were such fools who destroyed their own fate.

So far we have discussed that fools are voices of dissent which can either be harbingers of change, or destruction. They can also be suppressed voices. Saviours are those who protects brings status quoism either



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in form of peace or conflict.

Our society needs such fools who though ignorant but have courage to overcome their mistakes. Nikola Tesla was fooled by elite scientist to discourage him to bring new innovations. But Tesla gather courage and served humanity with Alternative Current.

Similarly, such saviours are appreciated in society who are driven by social rather than personal motives. Like Jane Godall whose passion for nature gave her empathy to save chimpanzees and also discover their unique abilities.



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Fools are like cracks in closed apartments. Saviours are like sunlight which enters through such cracks. If there is no crack, there will be complete blockage.

Humanity has fallen and risen because of many fools and saviours. It will continue to do so as it is the cycle of evolution!

As J.S. Mill asked us, we should also pay heed to mad men. Be fool and make mistakes but do mistakes of ambition not of sloth. Fool will become saviour with refined ambitions for Happiness of All!

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Essay Edge by Farees Rahman



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Every living being is an engine geared to the wheelwork of the universe.

One may wonder whether a single farmer can raise crops in his field which is a small part of this universe. If we look closely, we will discover numerous



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living beings producing the crops. Earthworms till the soil. Soil microorganisms provide nutrients to the seed. Bees and Birds play role in pollination. In addition, these small field interacts with other ecosystems through birds, & animals.

Farmer's field is microscopic depiction of this vast universe where every living being has a role to play.

The relation between living beings and universe is that of Interconnectedness. There is urge amongst many species to discover their individuality but they end up being embedded self in larger Cosmos. We'll try to analyze these divergences &



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Convergences in this essay.

To begin with, Every living being is 'Part of the whole' which is Universe. Though they are engines, that is, reservoir of energy, but their existence is tied to wheelwork of Universe.

Further, it can be argued that the existence of living beings is connected with the purpose to fulfill need of the Universe. As Elephants play role of gardener of forests, Tiger check population of herbivores and Vultures clean the environment,

Plato in his 'Republic' upheld that justice is the virtue of that society where there is harmony. And

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this harmony comes with functional specialization. In the universe of human societies, all individuals have different role to play. The secret behind peaceful society is Integration cum differentiation. This was visible in Early Vedic societies where roles were distributed based on merit.

Along with integration of different beings, Interconnectedness is inevitable reality. This can be learnt from Desana tribe of South America who believe that when they hunt any animal, they create whole in nature. This hole is filled with their death.

It indicates how actions of living beings impact each other as well as whole society at larger level.



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The wisdom of interconnectedness was more profound in Ancient humans who were closer to nature.

But with advent of modernization, we as humans are constantly separating from nature.

What are the consequences of such departure? We have learnt badly that Engines are useless, if they are not fitted to wheelwork.

Amazon forest fires, flooding Wayland, melting Antartica are all anthropogenic triggers due to race of Independence.

Nevertheless, Humans are constantly in search of Independence and Individuality.



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There is idea that Engines are more powerful than wheels and they have autonomy to decide how wheelwork will perform. R. Dworkin famously remarked that 'Rights are Trumps'. With absolute freedom, Humans have overpowered nature by Science and Technology. For example, increased life expectancy; reach upto Solar system and ~~much more~~ creation of Nuclear Weapons.

However, unreasonable absolute freedom is dangerous and always checked by Law of Nature. To illustrate, unchecked freedom of speech and expression can cause violence in the society due to hate speech. This is happening in UK post Southpost Stabbing incidents.

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Conversely, if in place of 'Rights as Trumps', Duties and Responsibilities are given space, this is more practical way of enjoying freedom. As per Gandhi, 'Rights are embryonic in duties you perform'. To illustrate, Mycorrhiza fungi provide nutrients to roots then it get food from the plant.

The relation between living being (engine) and universe (wheelwork) is that of Symbiotic relationship. Its about giving and taking in proposition.

The awareness of this relationship makes the living being humble. It also gives courage to be empathetic. The story of Terry Fox, an athlete



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who lost his leg due to cancer is epitome of this wisdom. He ran 'Marathon of Hope', even broken by cancer, not for himself, but for raising funds for cancer research.

But, what if, someone wants to escape the system in which he is trapped. M.N. Roy, Radical Humanist also asked similar questions on Individual submission to collective ego.

The universe is multidimensional. Species do migrate from one system to another. For ~~an~~ example, locusts in search of food migrate from Horns of Africa to Thar Desert. ~~And~~ But still, living species cannot escape the universe altogether.

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Moreover, there is law of Conservation of Energy. It states that Energy can neither be created nor be destroyed but only be transformed. Living being as engines are mere form of energy which is not their creation.

The role of living being is to tap that energy and transmit it to the benefits of others. To substantiate, William Kamkwamba from Malawi ~~created~~ harnessed wind energy even he was forced to drop school due to famine. He learnt from rural library and became engine who bring quality of life for his village.



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Universe provide freedom
as well as Energy to living beings.
But it is only useful, if they realize
their larger goal in the whole ecosystem.

As a human society, it is
imperative to realize deeper
interconnectedness with ecology for
sustainable future.

Shallow Ecology will not
save us where there is still
anthropocentrism. 'One Health' approach
only to save humans from zoonotic
diseases is again going to trap us
in wheelless engine!

There is need of Deep
Ecology. The spiritual environmentalism

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that has inspired people like
Jadav Payeng, Thomas Moran, Jane
Godall and others.

All living beings can either
flourish together or perish separately.
Without symbiosis, there can never
be existence. There should be
respect for each role and each essence.