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A strange system runs between law and order.

Indian women were hearts and soul of long struggle for India's Independence. Post-Independence, Women were satisfied with Progressive Constitution and Indigenous government. But in 1974 when 'Towards Equality' Report came up, they opened their eyes which broke their complacency from existing law and

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order. They discovered a Strange system existing which was causing missing women, dowry deaths, female infanticide and domestic violence.

Law is tangible in societies which have a vision for order. But Strange system is undiscovered powerful mechanism happening in background.

Let us try to discover this strange system which can be unconventional & unknown. It ~~can~~ may be fuelled by voices of change or voices of authority. We'll figure out whether it is inevitable? Does it have any utility or it is dangerous?

First thing to understand is 'What is law and order?' Aristotle in his work 'Politics' described law as the



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'Reason without passion'. It is the collective wisdom of the society. By 'Order', we can think it as a vision of a 'just society' where exists a balance.

A law is the tool to bring order in society. Without law, there is chaos. To illustrate, to enjoy Right to life in practical sense, there needs a law to prevent anyone killing any random person. Law transforms Ruthless human ~~in~~ animal kingdom to Ordered Human society.

However, if laws can bring in order and safeguard rights, then why we witness cases of violation of Human dignity? Despite having laws, Why George Floyd was killed by US Police? Why Pehlu Khan suffered mob lynching? Despite, both of them were innocent.

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These cases happen because of a strange system. If law is reason without passion, then this system symbolizes passion dominating reason.

The US Constitution provided for equal human rights for all. But the strange system of Racism, passionately snatched civil rights of Black Americans.

These passionate strange systems are run by self-interested elite people. In order to sustain their supremacy, for example Brahmins, created principles of 'Purity and Pollution' leading to origin of Caste system.

Before moving further, let us figure out why strange system originates and becomes a stumbling block in law and order?

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Primarily, Privileged few in the society always aim at securing their benefits & vested interests. This explains reasons behind failure of land reforms in India. Zamindars used legal loopholes such as 'Personal Cultivation', 'Benami Transactions' and 'divides in family' to save their properties.

Another cause can be limitations in laws. Sometimes, laws are weak or silent which give space to unrestrained strange system. For example, absence of legal mechanism to ensure corporate transparency, led Byjus to indulge in unsustainable funding. It breached trust of investors by overvaluing its shares and finally caused great harm to many stakeholders.



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Moreover, sometimes laws are not in position to bring orders in emergency situations. This is used to justify use of AFSPA rule in disturbed areas in North-Eastern India. These extra-constitutional (over-legal) powers are for saving Rule of Law.

However, Strange systems give major causality to Rule of Law. For example, people like Sheikh Javed Iqbal live in jails for years without proven guilty. This is non-implementation of Natural law of 'Bail is the rule, jail is the exception'

These systems operate in opaqueness. Antonio Gramsci gave the concept of 'Cultural Hegemony' to explain how exploitative systems are normalized

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in our societies. Britishers used this as 'White Man's burden' to sustain their strange system of Colonialism on third world countries.

However, Strange Systems are not always voices with deep desire to sustain their symbolic violence. Conversely, Strange systems can also be 'Voices of Change' who want to smash oppressive law and order.

Social movements are such non-political strange systems which rise up to fight against ~~is~~ unjust law and order. For example, Bangladeshi students protested against reservation law which gave less than 50% seats to students playing on meritocracy grounds.



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Hence, Strange systems represent 'chaosness' which is opposite of 'Order'. Law, on the other hand, 'biased or unbiased' is based on 'stability and conformity'.

If Strange systems cause instability, then is it feasible to remove them from our society?
~~If we examine this~~ let us examine this.

Firstly, Strange systems are inevitable because as put by Buddha this world is transient. For example, the law of Electoral Bonds was brought to check Black money and opaqueness. But eventually, a strange system of anonymity from voters and fear of crony capitalism came up.

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Secondly, Strange systems are desirable. As they say, 'True Peace is not absence of conflict but presence of justice'. For example, Apartheid laws needed strange system of anti-racial movements.

There is possibility of differences between text of the Constitution of land and Context of that society.

The text which is law may provide framework of how to achieve ordered society. For example, equality of dignity to all individuals irrespective of caste, gender, race, religion.

But, it depends on context of the society to realise that order.

There will be two strange systems.

One limiting the law and the other



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enhancing the law.

The strange system is like a cocoon & transform it into a beautiful butterfly. It is that lynchpin between law and order which shows us mirrors and help us in forming progressive laws.

It is upon the collective wisdom of society to smash the oppressive systems and generate reasonable laws for inclusive and just order. This is the journey of finding Cosmos into Chaos!



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Happiness is the Highest Good

Two people were working on a bridge. One morning, both of them were asked same question, 'How do you feel about your work?' One of them replied, "Awesome!, We are building a bridge which will transform lives of remote villages nearby. I am happy to be part of this service." The other one



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replied, " Boring, I am working on this bridge for last 3 years, doing nothing but laying bricks over bricks! "

Both of them earn equally, but can we see the difference in their perspective? One is happy, the other is sad.

Irrespective of one's wealth, health, status or dignity in the society, if s/he is not happy, then s/he is just a living with dead spirit.

Let us dig out the factors which make Happiness at the top of hierarchy of goods. Also, Happiness does not equate with zero pain. There is path full of sacrifices to reach it. We will also see if Happiness is an end in itself or a mean for something else.

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To start, we can take help of Bentham's utilitarianism. According to it, All human actions are determined to maximizing pleasure and minimize pain. But his disciple, J.S. Mill put that Happiness has more utility than pleasure.

To differentiate happiness with pleasure, ~~one~~ ~~can~~ common bad habit of eating junk food can be considered. We get pleasure by eating junk food and pain by doing exercise.

However, pleasure by eating junk food will give us long term pain of diseases. On the other hand, pain of doing exercise will give us long term happiness of good health.

It can be established that pleasure is short term happiness with long term pain, and Happiness is short



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Time pain with long term pleasure.

Thus, Happiness is supreme virtue over transient pains & pleasures.

In neo-liberal societies of our times, money is given utmost importance. It is commonly said, 'Money can buy anything'. Due to commercialization of health, education and other basic services, no one can deny power of money.

But money is still a mean to Happiness. If money fails to give you happiness, it is useless. For Princess Dianna, happiness was not in wealth of her royal life, but she ~~can~~ found it in social service.

Happiness is the only thing which can't be taken from one's life. As they say, 'Smile is the chosen

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Vehicle of all ambiguities, It is in our hand to deal with hopeless situations with happiness. This was done by character of Judio in famous Movie 'The life is beautiful'. The humour of Judio saved life of his son in horrors of holocaust.

Nevertheless, Happiness is a subjective state of mind. Like for Gandhi, it is to live a minimalist life. For Ambanis, it can be having lavish weddings.

True happiness can be a state of mind & driven human action which is filtered by harm's principle of J.S. Mill. Your happiness should not be at the cost of happiness of others.

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The path towards happiness which is refined by virtues of social well-being is the highest good.

Muhammad Ali, for example, was a passionate boxer. But when he stood against Vietnam War by not becoming soldier in US Army, his all boxing titles were snatched. He stood firm on his principles. Later, when bans lifted, he fought iconic battle with Joe Frazier.

For Muhammad Ali, Happiness was end and his principles were mean. One can also argue, there is no path towards Happiness, but Happiness itself is a path.

- This path of happiness drove Jadav Payeng to transform barren Majuli Island to a dense forest for rich biodiversity.



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Happiness though is ubiquitous
like love it is also in the air.
Unfortunately, in modern times,
it is becoming a luxury.

Centuries old wisdom tell us
that Happiness can be discovered
by living in the present moment.
But the advent of Attention Economy
and Social Media 'leviathan' has
snatched from us 'reflective wisdom'.

Similarly, In 'Anarchy of Meritocracy',
Michael Sandel lamented on Commercialization
of Education system.

Technocratic modern ~~too~~ education
rewards 'Exam Warriors' who crack
aggressive competitive exams such as
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Education is not liberation from fear and ignorance but is completely opposite. If they loose, they fell in depression and social rejection and if they win, they think they are 'self-sufficient'.

There is dire need to appreciate and replicate transformative model of Education such as SECMOL system by Sonam Wangchuk in Ladakh. This trades happiness as the highest good by focusing on creative, critical & ethics of care embedded education.

Other than education, 'Purpose of life' is very important to bring Happiness in life. This is given in 'Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to Happiness'. There must be something which fuels

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your spirit. As it did with Arunima
Simha. She lost her leg when robbers
attacked her in a train. But despite
being amputee, she climbed Mount
Everest two years ~~later~~ later.

Once you bring happiness in
your life, you spreads love and
hope. Vikram Sarabhai was enthusiastic
about Indian space endeavours not to
compete other advanced nations but
to empower his fellow Indians with
satellite services.

Happiness is undoubtedly, the
highest good. The path of happiness
have sacrifices but ~~with~~ it gives
one unwavering courage to spread
happiness in life of every other fellow.



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In Invictus, 'W.E. Henley' famously mentioned :-

"I am the Captain of my soul
I am the Master of my fate!"

Indeed, without your permission, no one can infringe your happiness. You have to safeguard it, especially in times of ambiguities.

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