

Impressive educators



"Mummy! See this is the dance step I did with my ma'am in the school today." "I love giving flowers to my ma'am, she has a beautiful smile." All these expressions that you have been reading in the Amiown 'Teachers' day' pages that concludes with the 4 page pull-out in this issue, sound familiar. They would, for these are the innocent expressions of little toddlers in their formative years. Their minds impressionable, hearts crystal clear, imaginations unbridled and creativity intense. They are the limitless possibility of becoming successful and enlightened human beings. These storehouses of talent and energy need a guiding hand to steer them into the right direction. And it is herein that the role of a teacher becomes extremely important.

For toddlers, their teacher is their mirror to the world. The way s/he talks, walks, thinks and acts becomes their way too. S/he is no less than a 'Dashavatara' for whom nothing is impossible. But it is not just the children who are learning, teachers training students in their formative years, learn and grow every single second. As the toddler engages, explores and experiments; the teacher does too. With their every innocent question, the teacher too grows as a learner. With every stroke of colours on the canvas, the teacher is introduced to a beautiful world of imagination. With every story they tell, she gets an insight into the immense possibility of growth. So if you are a formative years educator, then congratulations, for you are really blessed and the chosen one. For you have the capability to give meaning to the life created by God. **GT**

Dreams unlimited



The day Swapna Burman won gold for India at the recently concluded Asian Games, she actually won more than just the precious medal. With no special shoes, an extremely poor economic background, hailing from one of the remotest village of India, six toes in both feet and excruciating pain in her teeth on the day of the competition, she won India the coveted gold. Swapna she is and dream she had, to win and stand tall amongst all. On that day, she showed the world wonders of sheer passion and inner strength of a human being.

In hindsight, if we look at the number of gold medals achieved in this Asian Games, after 71 years of independence, the tally may seem very menial considering the progress made in other fields. After watching Swapna's achievement and this medal tally number, one question haunts me. Could we not have done better than this? The answer is—Yes.

Look closely at the lives of the people especially around you and you are bound to find a very different story. Inspite of having best resources and facilities, most people have the habit of complaining about trivial things such as food and clothes. Amidst all this, they forget to count their blessings. They just tend not to be grateful for all that they have and look for lame excuses for not performing up to the mark. If they do not get what they want, they do not hesitate even to commit suicide for the flimsiest of the reasons. Today we have the best resources, best education and best facilities. It's time for us to learn from Swapna and stop complaining. Rise and shine as a youth of this great nation and make the best of the situation you are in. **GT**

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When Darwin met Lord Vishnu

Does the Theory of Evolution Match the Theory of Incarnations?

Perspective

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In the Biblical era, people were often forced to believe what was proposed by the Church. People who opposed the Bible were declared heretic. But there were great thinkers and revolutionaries like Copernicus and Martin Luther who dared to challenge the authority of the Church. Charles Darwin, a curious mind was one of them.

Darwin V/S the Church

Indeed, modern thinkers accept the theory of evolution proposed by Darwin as it serves as a valid alternative to the theory of special creation (of which Father Suarez was a great advocate) which holds not much logic. Darwin boldly challenged the proposition of the Church that the Earth was created in just 7 days. His extended 5-year voyage aboard

the H.M.S Beagle and extensive research in the islands of Galapagos led him to formulate the evolutionary ladder well described in his two books: 'The Origin of Species' and 'The Voyage of the Beagle'. Both of his works were highly condemned by the then uptight Christian Orthodox society.

Darwin V/S Society

Darwin's theory states that the first organisms to evolve were fishes and other aquatic organisms. This is supported by the Oparin-Haldane hypothesis that the Earth was initially a hot dilute soup, inhospitable to any form of life. Then

came the amphibians followed by four-legged terrestrial organisms which further evolved to the two-legged ones, which were very human-like. While he was both criticized and praised for his efforts to explain how life began and progressed on Earth, he just didn't live long enough to witness probably the greatest coincidence which certified his theory perfectly in God's agreement.

Darwin V/S the Gita?

The evidence of the theory came from nowhere else but from our very own, The Bhagavad Gita which describes the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu. They (Dashavatara) are in perfect synchronization with the evolutionary trend proposed by Darwin. These ten incarnations follow the very sequential order which Darwin had proposed in his thesis: Matysa (fish); Kuruma (turtle- amphibian); Varaha (wild boar – four legged terrestrial); Narasimha (head of a lion and body of a man); Vamana (dwarf human); Parshurama;

Lord Rama; Lord Krishna; Lord Buddha and Goddess Kalki.

Science V/S Mythology

Is it a coincidence? Maybe its serendipity. Or is it the unnoticed reality? Darwin explained his theory solely on the basis of scientific evidence and data collected through his routine examinations and expeditions. But Indian mythology is an example of the perfect blend of scientific aptitude and logical reasoning. Science has its domains but it has always been governed by the will of our maker.

So, I ask you my fellow readers, do you think that the human race can reign supreme over Nature when armed with weapons of modern science and advanced technology? Or are you of the opinion that 'everything worth discovering has already been discovered' and cast away in the deep sea of knowledge to be witnessed by all, but understood by a few? The question remains open. **GT**



Little pearls of wisdom

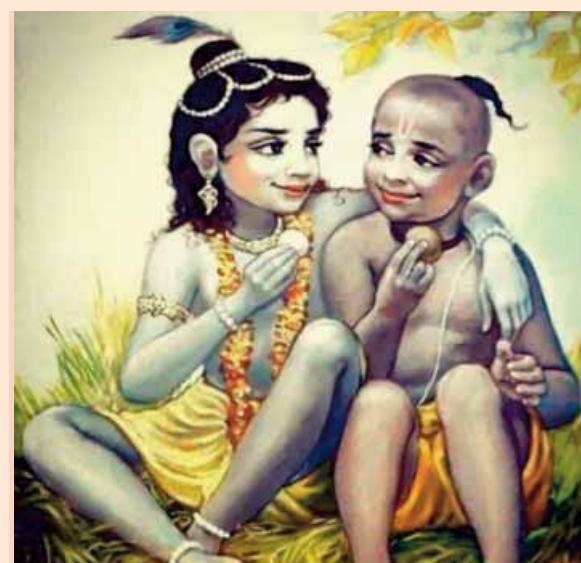
True friendship

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Long time ago, there lived a prince named Rama who was best friends with Raju, the son of the king's minister. Rama and Raju would often go to the woods together for hunting. Once, after riding to the neighbouring kingdom's forest for a hunt, they were too exhausted to return and decided that they will retire for the night right there under a tree.

The prince quickly fell asleep, but Raju stayed awake to keep guard. After a while, Raju saw a snake slowly slithering towards his friend, the prince. Just as he was about to kill the snake, he heard the snake say, "Master, please don't kill me. The prince was my enemy in the past life and my soul cannot rest until I drink his blood."

Raju was perplexed, but he agreed to help the snake, on



the condition that Rama's life will not be at stake. The snake promised to not harm the prince if he gets a sip of his blood, even without touching him. Raju was struck with a smart idea. He made a cup out of dry leaves, and climbed the prince's chest, who was still fast asleep. He pulled out his dagger and made a small slit on the side of Rama's neck to draw some blood. The sharp cut startled the prince, and woke him up. He opened his eyes, but when he saw his best friend holding the dagger, he closed them again.

Raju filled the cup with his blood and gave it to the snake, who drank it and went away. Feeling guilty,

Raju rubbed the wound with medicinal leaves and bandaged it. In the morning, the prince woke up and they started their journey home. The prince never posed a question to his friend about the last night or what he did, but Raju became restless and finally asked his friend why he didn't raise an alarm or punish him for what he did last night.

The prince answered, "Why should I punish you? You are my best friend and I have complete faith in you. I was completely aware of what you did last night, but I knew that there must have been a good motive behind it." This story teaches us the importance of trust in friendship. Krishna and Sudama set a great precedent for a strong friendship laid on the foundation of trust. Let us try and follow suit and try to have utter faith in our friends and believe in them, come what may.

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Ever since science

A Sneak-Peek Into the Life Of A Science Student

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Reading preferences

From reading preferences to

diet to weekend plans, every-

thing is governed by science.

The writer vividly tells how her

bookshelf saw Harry Potter and

Percy Jackson being replaced

by RD Sharma and HC Verma.

No matter how hectic one's life

becomes because of this

'choice', at the end of the day

exploring the universe and sati-

ation of curiosity is what they

get as their reward. The article

shows us that no student's life is

a bed of roses; it is how one

perceives their subjects and

manages to live with them.

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