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Nothing is absolute, subjectivity applies
everywhere.

Mr. Rao, a renowned professor of philosophy
was invited as a guest to deliver a lecture.

At the end he asked the students to write
a write-up on their interpretation of
the lecture. To his surprise, every write-
up was unique in itself. Why this happened
despite the same lecture attended by all?

It was the subjective perception of each
student that brought the difference. In
this essay we are going to see what is
this subjectivity and is there anything
absolute? whether this subjectivity is
beneficial ^{or not} and further how it can be guided
towards the benefit of mankind.

Human beings has the gift of thinking
which makes them different and unique
from other living beings. The ability to
question the things around allow them
to build a perception which might differ
from other persons. This is subjectivity.

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There are various instances where this subjectivity has shaped the path of human history. ✓

During the dark ages, the perception of church was thought to be absolute. However, a critical view paved the way for renaissance which completely altered the face of modern history. ✓

for almost 400 years, the laws of physics by Isaac Newton were thought to be universal till Albert Einstein proved it confined to a limited frame of reference. ✓

The emergence of various sects in different religions - such as Catholics and Protestants in Christianity, (Shia and Sunni in Islam), (the emergence of Jainism, and Buddhism), all were the outcome of a subjective perception towards God. ✓

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The various paradigms of economics and geography were earlier confined to create general laws based on an assumption of an economic-rational man. These laws proved to be a failure as they neglected a crucial aspect of human choice which is subjective.

The following examples brings us back to our question. Is there anything absolute? There is hardly anything which is totally absolute because everything we see around us, passes through a perceptive filter of a person which is unique to everyone. This brings us to our next question, whether this subjectivity is beneficial for us?

To answer this we need to look at how this perceptive filter is built. It is a result of upbringing of a person.

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and the knowledge and experience that he has gathered either through socialisation or personal experience. This is reflected in various societies having different ideologies. The subjectivity provides a broad perspective which if guided in the right direction can be inclusive and progressive.

The recent cases of decriminalisation of section 377 of IPC, entry into Sabarimala for women, upholding of right to privacy and various amendments to the laws and constitution are some classic examples of how our society is evolving by incorporating the various subjective views which were earlier discarded.

The foundation of the law making process in our country is based on the deliberation of various thoughts which

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invites various diverse views which are then deliberated to bring a law which aims to be beneficial for all. These are further amended from time to time to include more views.

The social welfare schemes and initiatives are always advised to follow a bottom to top approach rather than top to bottom. The reason stated is that views of public at the grassroot level is a better way to structure the supply as compared to law makers where again subjectivity applies.

The concept of sustainable development is an outcome of various subjective views on environment ranging from excessive protectionist view of Crinianism to the hedonistic view of overexploitation of environment. The various views paved the way

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for a more balanced view which pretty much tries to balance the economic need with environment protection. ✓

The following examples illustrate how subjectivity can be beneficial for us by providing a broad spectrum of views which tries to incorporate all. However, sometimes this subjectivity also creates turbulence in the society by going opposite to the accommodationist view illustrated above. ✓

The problem arises when people believe that their views and objectives are opposite to each other and cannot co-exist. This is frequently visible

in the religious intolerance resulting into conflicts and riots. Recent cases of mob lynching can be traced to a similar phenomena. ✓

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With various subjective views catering to different perceptions, it is sometimes difficult to reach consensus. This becomes problematic for decision makers, diplomats and various international communities to arrive at a particular conclusion. Various global issues such as climate change, terrorism, power sharing in United Nations have been stalled for a long time due to inability to satisfy all the perceptions without being accused of biasness.

The subjectivity of discretion in administration has been many a times accused of corruption, nepotism and biasness without any accountability.

So the question arises, how this subjectivity can be guided in the right direction so that it becomes fruitful for a progressive society.

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The answer lies in our value system

and our institutions of socialisation.

First and foremost role is of family where the child learns basic foundational values and to respect others. for this

society must ensure that child get a good initial care. foreg. foster home system of USA provides for this in case of improper treatment of child.

Second comes the role of education, religion and community where the experience of a child gets enhanced and he applies his values. virtues such as patience, tolerance are essential to make room for other's views.

finally comes the role of national and international community along with media to broaden the view of an individual to view a phenomena

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through a broad lens covering many dimensions as well as trying to accept the view of others.

In a pluralist society like India, it is further more important that the different subjective views are accommodated and respected to avoid the feelings of regionalism, communalism, sub-nationalism etc. The development of scientific temper is one of the fundamental duties enshrined in our Constitution. Through such common values the subjective view can be channelised in a particular direction towards a particular progressive society.

Although the response that Mr. Rao got through different write-ups were unique in itself however, the

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basic premise of the lecture remains.
Same is the case with us. The phenomena
as around us are like Mr. Rao's
lecture and we all are students
in it with our unique subjectivity
which should be channelised in the
right direction to get the best out
of the "lecture".

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- perception, how people perceive differently at the same thing
- effects of changing society
- prejudice
- observation and interpretation of things
- social change - nomadic to agrarian to modern to Robotics

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Life happens to all, only few make it happen

Once a teacher of class VIII asked students about their role models and people who have influenced them. Among the various responses many were either common or either associated with the personal life of the student. Why was this list short and the names common? This is because although every body lives his life but only few are able to create a profounding impact on the community. So, the question arises what is different in their life compared to others.

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All living beings have life, but it is the power of thinking that makes human beings unique. But, as it is said -

"with great power comes great responsibilities"

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Human life is not just about survival like other animals. It's more than that. It is about growing inclusively so that everyone has a chance towards a dignified life.

The inclusiveness not only includes humans but also other organisms and the environment around and with the power to influence the environment and its creatures it becomes the responsibility of humans to also vow for their protection.

Unfortunately, only few are able to fulfill this responsibility as it requires a great ordeal of dedication, hardwork as well as compassion towards others.

It requires them to grow above their needs of selfishness and offer to others.

Various personalities that we idolise, have these traits in common.

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Nelson Mandela chose to fight for the blacks in Africa in order to give them the rights that they are entitled as humans. Mother Teresa worked throughout her life to serve the leprosy patients who were ostracised by the society. B. Rambeekar stood for the rights of dalits who had to face discrimination in every sphere of their life. These people were successful in ^{their} respective domains yet they sacrificed that for others.

Sundarlal Bahuguna in Uttarakhand with his tree protection drive i.e. chipko movement, emphasised on the need to protect trees. Kailash Satyarthi, a noble laureate worked relentlessly for children against child labour. Sachin Tendulkar through his game instilled a feeling of pride among the Indians.

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These are some personalities that have contributed to the society immensely. But, the question arises is that: Are they the only ones who have made their life happen? Before we answer this question let us understand what this actually means? Who are the people that make their life happen?

The answer to this question lies in the responsibility towards others. Those who can contribute towards these in any way that can benefit the society are the ones who can sought meaning to their life.

The role models idolised by the children in many cases were the close ones who they see in their daily life. In many cases father, mother

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relatives or a friend can be role model.

Why are these people being idolised?

This is because the actions taken by them in some or the other way has positively influenced the child. It can be as small as feeding a poor, to planting a tree. Even a small contribution matters.

There is nothing extraordinary that is required to make life happening.

It is just about following the right path, and encouraging others to do

the same. The personalities discussed

also did the same thing. It is

just the scale at which that happened

made them the pioneers. However,

here a question arises that, is it

necessary to make life happen?

Yes, for some

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The answer lies in the ultimate goal that a man wants to achieve.

The ultimate satisfaction that is obtained by serving the community is unparalleled in terms of joy, happiness and love. But despite knowing this only few are able to do this.

The reason that many are unable to contribute even such a basic thing lies in the value system that is deteriorating in the present times. The basic trait required to help others are empathy and compassion towards them. These are generally found to be subdued under the race to earn money to fulfill the temporary hedonistic requirement.

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There need to be self introspection done by the person to remind himself of what matters more in the life. In fact this should be a part of the education system so that a person realises his duty from time to time.

Grandhiji has always emphasised on the duty of a person towards community. According to his conception of swarajya, if every performs his duty in a right way, then there will be no state required to regulate the society. This is what is needed to make life happen.

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Why only some people can do it -

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