

The Common mind, our best friend
 "All we are saying - is give *it* a chance."



The mind can only ponder what it possesses, and that means the past, the mind is therefore always in the past, that places us in the past and in a permanent retrospective mode.

The process of thinking and decision making is therefore a product of mixing and matching, expanding and speculating, projecting and experimenting with residues and pulses of information made available by the nurturing and conditioning external environment, influenced and parsed by each individual's unique genetic predisposition.

To ensure survival and prosperity of its bearer, the mind processes and edits the old deposits and new influx of information through its innate traits, and spontaneously plans a course accordingly and almost entirely based on its learned and conditioned input.

In an all too common scenario, an impressionable mind gone awry, is the casualty of bad teachings of early informative years, making it hard to break free from harmful inculcated prejudices, revert to point zero and revive rationality. Inevitably the course of action thus adopted will be a detriment to the prosperity of both the individuals and society at large.

This is why most of us, even when our aspirations are fulfilled, and embrace what we chase, still find ourselves disenchanted and unhappy – Here, a path is plotted and paved by a misguiding mind that steers its desperately seeking bearer toward subscribing to the most attractive and easiest to comply set of circumstances that seemingly yield the highest dividend, only to harvests a broken heart and bewildered spirit.

Invariably, the vulnerability of such lost minds continue to be exploited and degraded by merchants of heaven and hell, with own interests and agenda of luring their victims in, with customized aphrodisiacs of insured prosperity should they obey, pray and pay, or face dire consequences should they not.

Those of us who fall into such traps would divorce our otherwise independent, realistic and creative minds for one of inferior and incapacitated, in anticipation of never arriving crumbs of a make-believe, and are left to face the

reality of unrealized expectations and unfulfilled desires with inevitable consequences of disappointment and anger.

How can we preserve our most noble and precious asset and essential essence of existence, how can we prevent it from being reduced to such degrading and decadence, to a point of submission to the lowest common denominator in the good and evil, control and disarray spectrum. Is this not a face-off between the true manifestations of pleasure and prosperity against pain and misery, therefore our ultimate challenge in life?.

Any original, pristine and noble notion (inspiration?) which is not a processed product of the existing information, can only emanate from a clear mind, not preloaded with, or in pursuit of often imposed and/or imitated self serving causes.

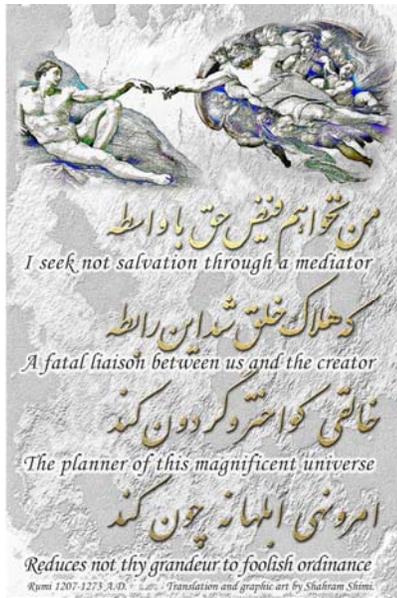
Such fresh mind will be well equipped and secured in its

native environment where it can function optimally, clearly, and silently establishing itself as creative and productive, in full capacity and control, casting wisdom and goodness by virtue of its innate essence and mere existence in such state.

It is therefore crucial that through rethinking and reassessing its fundamental values and principals, the mind is cleared from all forms of induced premonition under any masquerade and guise, as imposed by the early growing environment, that shapes thoughts, clouds judgment and insidiously dilutes and negates inborn wisdom and rationality, forcing an alien environment that appeases the shallow and the lost, with simplistic fantasies and promises of mostly carnal gratification, while robbing them from their true worth, wisdom and dignity bestowed upon common man through common sense, and realized by untainted common mind.

Humanity would surely trek a different path, had it heeded the warnings of our revered and liberated past visionaries (quoted herein.), a path that invites and urges all humanity to strive toward the **common goal of common good, through common sense**, a far cry from our current course.

- I seek not salvation through a mediator
 (man nakhaham fyze hagh ba vaseteh)
- A fatal liaison between us and the creator
 (ke halaakeh khalgh shod een rabeteh)
- The planner of this magnificent universe
 (khaleghy koo akhtaro gadroon konad)
- Reduces not thy grandeur to foolish ordinance
 (amro nahye ablahaaaneh choon konad)



Rumi, Mystic Persian (Iranian) poet. 1207- 1273 A.D. (My translation)

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